कृषि क्षेत्र में रोजगार प्राप्त श्रमिक

864. **सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा** : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में बहुत बड़ी संख्या में श्रमिक असंगठित क्षेत्रों में लगे हुए हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसे श्रमिकों की अनुमानित संख्या कितनी है;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि ऐसे अधिकांश श्रमिक कृषि के क्षेत्र में कार्य कर रहे हैं ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो एसे श्रमिकों की अनुमानित संख्या कितनी है और क्या यह भी सच है कि इस क्षेत्र में लगे हुए कर्मकारों को पूरे वर्ष काम नहीं मिलता है ;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो कृषि क्षेत्र में किसी श्रमिक को एक वर्ष में कितने दिन काम मिलता है; और

(च) क्या सरकार ने बेकार पड़ी मानवशक्ति के पूर्णतम इस्तेमाल के लिए कोई योजना बनाई है ; यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

श्रम मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पवन सिंह घाटोवर) : (क) और (ख) 1981 की जनगणना के अनुसार असंगठित क्षेत्र में लगभग 1760 लाख कर्मकार थे ।

(ग) और (घ) उपरोक्त कर्मकारों में से लगभग 520 लाख कृषि क्षेत्र में काम कर रहे हैं । 1991 की जनगणना के अनुसार लगभग 200 लाख कर्मकारों को सीमांत कर्मकार के रूप में वर्गीकृत किया गया है जो कि केवल कुछ समय के लिए कार्य करते हैं ।

(ङ) और (च) सीमांत कर्मकार एक वर्ष में 183 दिनों से कम या 6 माह के लिए काम करते हैं । गरीबों के उत्थान के लिए तथा मजदूरी नियोजन के लिए आई०आर०डी०पी०, जवाहर रोजगार योजना, एन०आर०ई०पी०, आर०एल०ई०जी०पी० जैसी विभिन्न योजनाएं कार्यान्वित की जा रही हैं । सरकार खेतिहर कर्मकारों के नियोजन एवं सेवा की शर्तों को विनियमित करने तथा उनके कल्याण के लिए कदम उठाने के उद्देश्य से एक केन्द्रीय विधान बनाने के प्रश्न पर विचार कर रही है ।

Proposal to speed up long distance trains

865. **SHI KAPIL VERMA:**
SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of **RAILWAYS** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to speed up long distance trains by eliminating several halts introduced during the last two years;

(b) what is the number of such halts introduced in the last two years; and

(c) what steps are being taken to improve punctuality standards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir. However, withdrawal of stoppages based on patronisation is a continuous process.

((b) Figures for the last two years are not readily available. However, during January 1990-July 1991, about 430 additional stoppages were provided to mail/express trains.

(c) Punctuality of long distance trains is monitored at different levels and action to eliminate causes affecting punctuality taken.

Study to find out the causes of volcanic eruption in Andamans and Nicobar Islands

865. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted to find out the causes of the recent volcanic eruption in Andamans and the contents of the lava and gases vailable there; and

(b) if so, what are the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Geological Survey of India which is studying the volcanic eruption is of the view that the present volcanic eruption of Barren Island in Andaman and Nicobar Island is due to existence of volcanic belts with deep seated tectonic causes. Lava and ashes from the recent eruption hav been studied and the erupted rocks have been identified as basaltic andesite.

Deaths due to flooding of Mahanti-Patna tunnel in Orissa

867. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of LABOU be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at leas 30 labourers working inside Mahanti-Patna tunnel of Upper Indravati Project in Orissa were washed away as Indravati water flooded the tunnel;

(b) if so, what were the causes thereof; and

(c) the number of lives lost and compensation paid to the families o the victims?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): (a) to (c) According to information availabl 16 employes of the contractor are reported to have been trapped inside the tunnel of Uppar Indravati Hydel Project when it was flooded on 29th July, 1991 due to breach in Coffer Dam (Ring bund) at the head of the tunnel. Fourteen bodies have been recovered so far. The State Government has announced an ex-gratia payment of Rs. 25,000/- each to the bereaved family of the dead workers from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. National Projects Construction Corporation Ltd., pending the usual compensation admissible under the Rules, has also announced an ex-gratia payment of Rs. 3,000 as an immediate relief to the next of kin of deceased workers. Assisant Labour Commissioner, Jaspore has also awrded provisional compensation to the tune of Rs. 10.72 lakhs. It has also been decided by the State Government to rehabilitate one member from each of the family of deceased.